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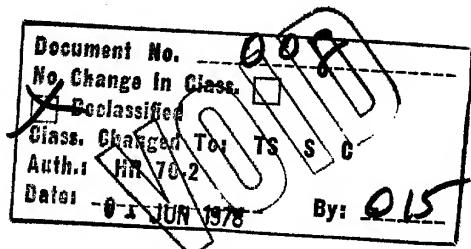
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1. Increased resistance inside Albania has caused the Tirana Government to establish "special pursuit brigades" composed of trustworthy Communist Party members.
2. The first brigades were formed during September 19/9 in Tirana and in northern Albania, and during the later months, new units were formed in the central southern parts of Albania. Enlistment in the brigades was at first voluntary, but because of the lack of such recruits, enlistment of members of the Communist Party became compulsory. Those who enlist receive from 2,500 to 3,500 lek each month and are given ample food supplies.
3. The special mission of such brigades is to hunt down and fight the resistance groups in the mountains. There is no information concerning either the strength or equipment of these brigades.



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